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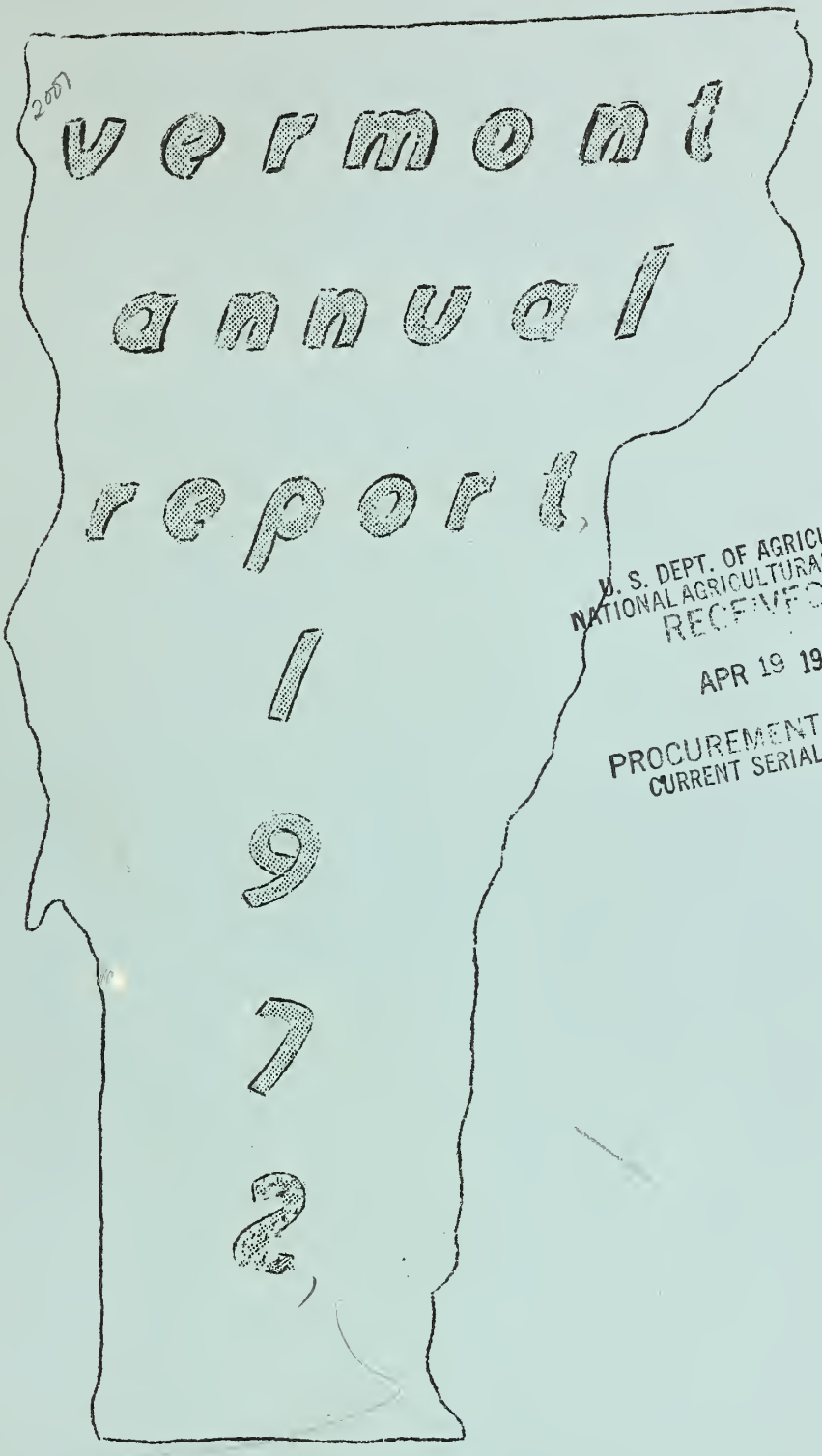

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREWORD

The accomplishments of the Vermont State and County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees during 1972 are presented in this annual report.

The information relative to the various ASCS programs administered in Vermont provides a reference for readers and explains to the people we serve how USDA programs are handled by our organization.

We wish to pay tribute to the dedicated State, county and community committeemen who make the operation of these programs so successful. We also wish to commend the work of our efficient ASCS County Executive Directors.

We are proud of the fact that Vermont leads the Nation in REAP participation. If any reader has any questions about our program, please feel free to contact us.

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ADMINISTRATION

The Vermont State ASC Committee is responsible for the administration of ASCS activities assigned to them by the Department of Agriculture.

These programs are administered in Vermont at all levels in the organization by ASC farmer committeemen. Farmers in each community elect annually from their number a community committee of three to carry out the programs and do the field work in their community. Any person is eligible to vote in an ASC community election if he meets any of the following requirements:

A. Is of legal voting age and has an interest in a farm as owner or tenant.

B. Is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm.

C. Is eligible to participate in any ASCS program administered in the community.

The community committeemen also serve as delegates to attend a county convention at which a county committee of three is elected. The county agricultural agent serves as an ex officio member of the county committee.

The county committee administers the programs at the county level within the policies and guides set up by the State Committee. Each county committee employs a full-time county executive director who is in charge of the day-to-day operation of the county ASCS office.

The State Committee is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is responsible for the administration and operation of all applicable programs in the State. This Committee determines the policies and makes recommendations to be carried out by a State Executive Director who is the administrative head of the State ASCS Office. Supervision of county offices is divided between two District Directors headquartered at the State ASCS Office.

RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Administration

The Rural Environmental Assistance Program, formerly the Agricultural Conservation Program, is authorized by an Act of Congress and came into existence in 1936. The program recognizes the need for additional conservation of our soil, water, air, and forest resources. It sets up a system whereby the Government and farmers can join together in a program of conservation. This provides for a farmer-consumer effort to encourage and financially help farmers to carry out needed conservation practices so that the Nation's farms may continue to produce in the future.

The program is developed from the recommendations of the community and county committees as these reflect the needs at the local level. The State Handbook of Practices is drawn up and approved by the State Committee, working with the National and State Forest Service representatives, and the State Soil Conservationist. The provisions and practices are within the framework of the National Handbook.

The program is administered through the locally-elected county and community committeemen. There are 42 county Committeemen and 372 community committeemen serving the program as it is operated in Vermont at the present time. Through this service they develop qualities of leadership which are a valuable asset to the community and state.

The average cost per farm enrolled in the program for the fiscal year 1972 for the committeemen's work in administering the REAP and the other applicable programs in Vermont was county committee - $3.68 and community committee - $6.36. They receive pay on a per diem basis for the time worked only.

In addition to the conservation work carried out on the land as summarized in the tables contained in this report, the program, through furnishing lime and fertilizers on a contract basis, has kept the costs of these materials at a lower level than they would have been otherwise.

The tabulation on page 11 showing "Use of Funds" by years indicates that the farmer has been and is contributing in cash and services considerably more than the cost of the program to the Government.

Technical Service Agreements

All counties entered into agreements with the Soil Conservation Service and the Vermont Forest Service for the purpose of obtaining technical assistance in connection with practices for which these agencies have technical responsibility. The amounts of these agreements are listed below:

County	SCS-5% 1972	FS-1% 1972
Addison	$ 6508	$ 611
Bennington	1330	266
Caledonia	3208	642
Chittenden	3472	694
Essex	464	151
Franklin	5829	500
Grand Isle	983	121
Lamoille	1100	399
Orange	3539	708
Orleans	4080	300
Rutland	3942	788
Washington	2550	533
Windham	2009	401
Windsor	3230	646
Total	$42244	$6760

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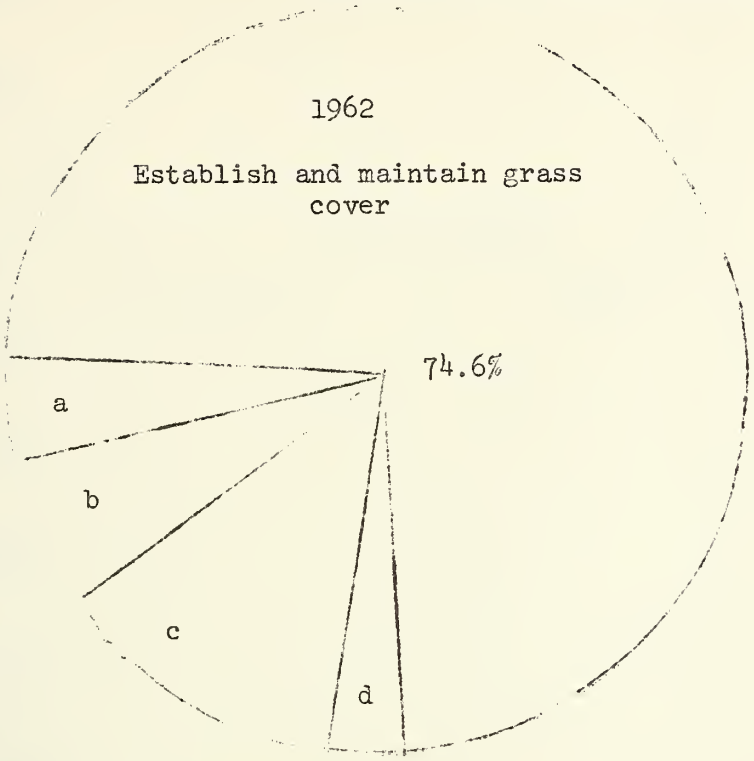
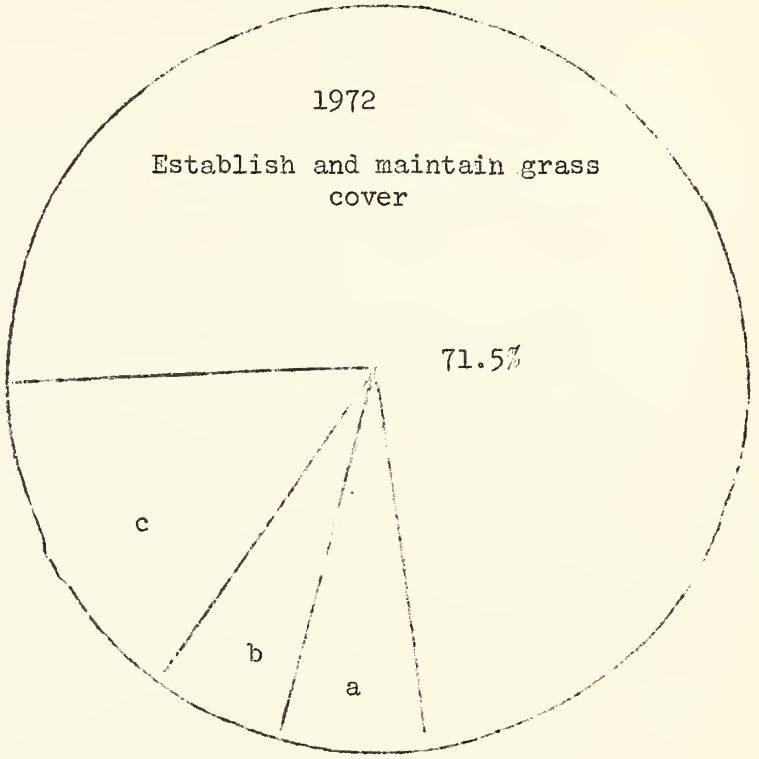
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE FOR PRACTICES AND SERVICES CARRIED OUT
(Comparing 1962 ACP Program Year with 1972 REAP Program Year)





a. Obstruction Removal - 4.3%
b. Drainage - 5.7%
c. Forestry - 11.7%
d. All other - 3.7%

Stripcropping
Farm Ponds
Pipelines
Springs & Seeps
Permanent Vegetation
Outlet Protection
Shore Protection
Green Manure
Soil Sampling
5% Agreements

a. Drainage - 6.8%
b. Forestry - 5.3%
c. All other - 16.4%

Stripcropping
Farm Ponds
Shore Protection
Mulching
Beautification
5% Agreements
1% Agreements
Livestock Water Facilities
Fencing of Cropland for Green Manure
Animal Waste Storage Facilities
Diversions for Mgmt. Animal Waste
Wildlife Land Mgmt.
Grazing

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Ground Limestone Furnished as CMS under ACP and REAP
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Planting Trees under ACP and REAP

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Improving Woodlands under ACP and REAP

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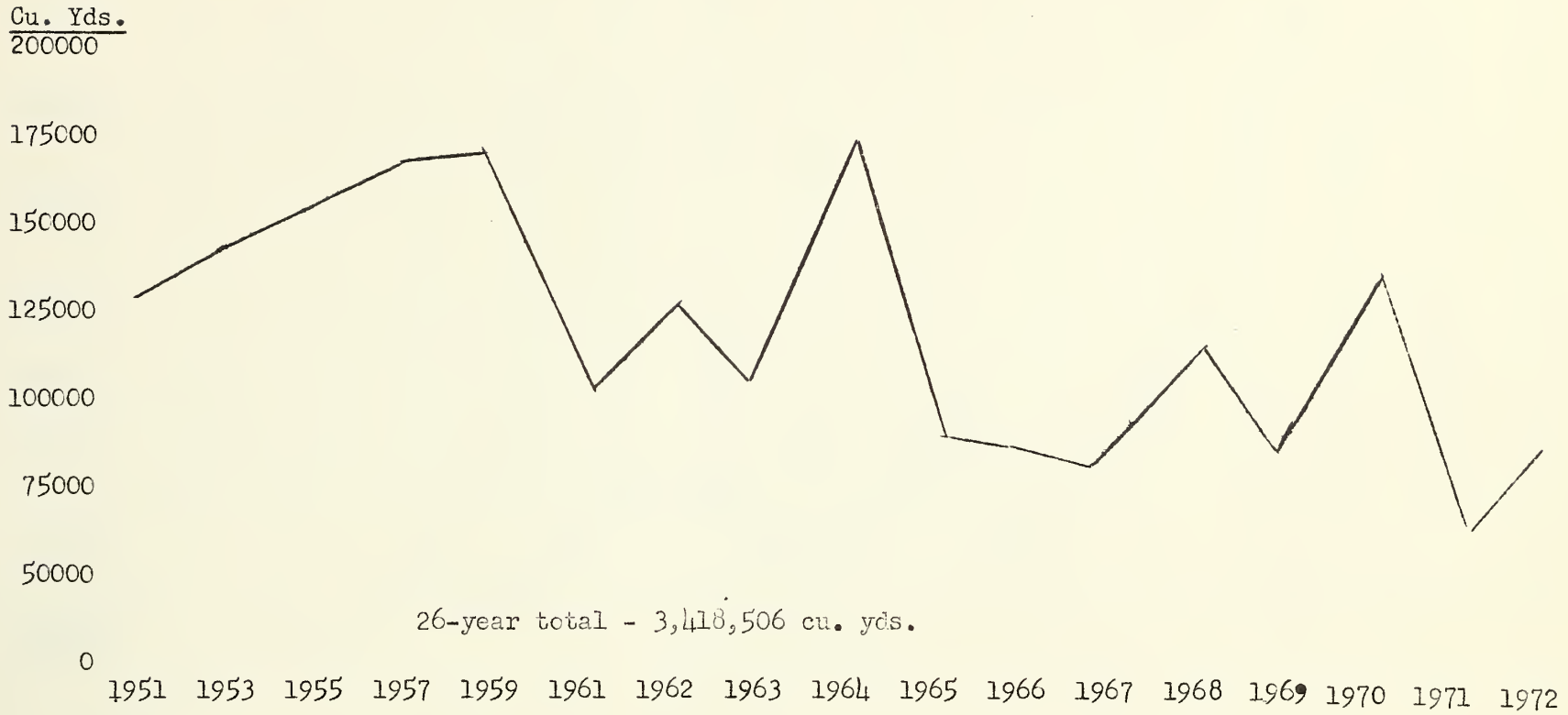
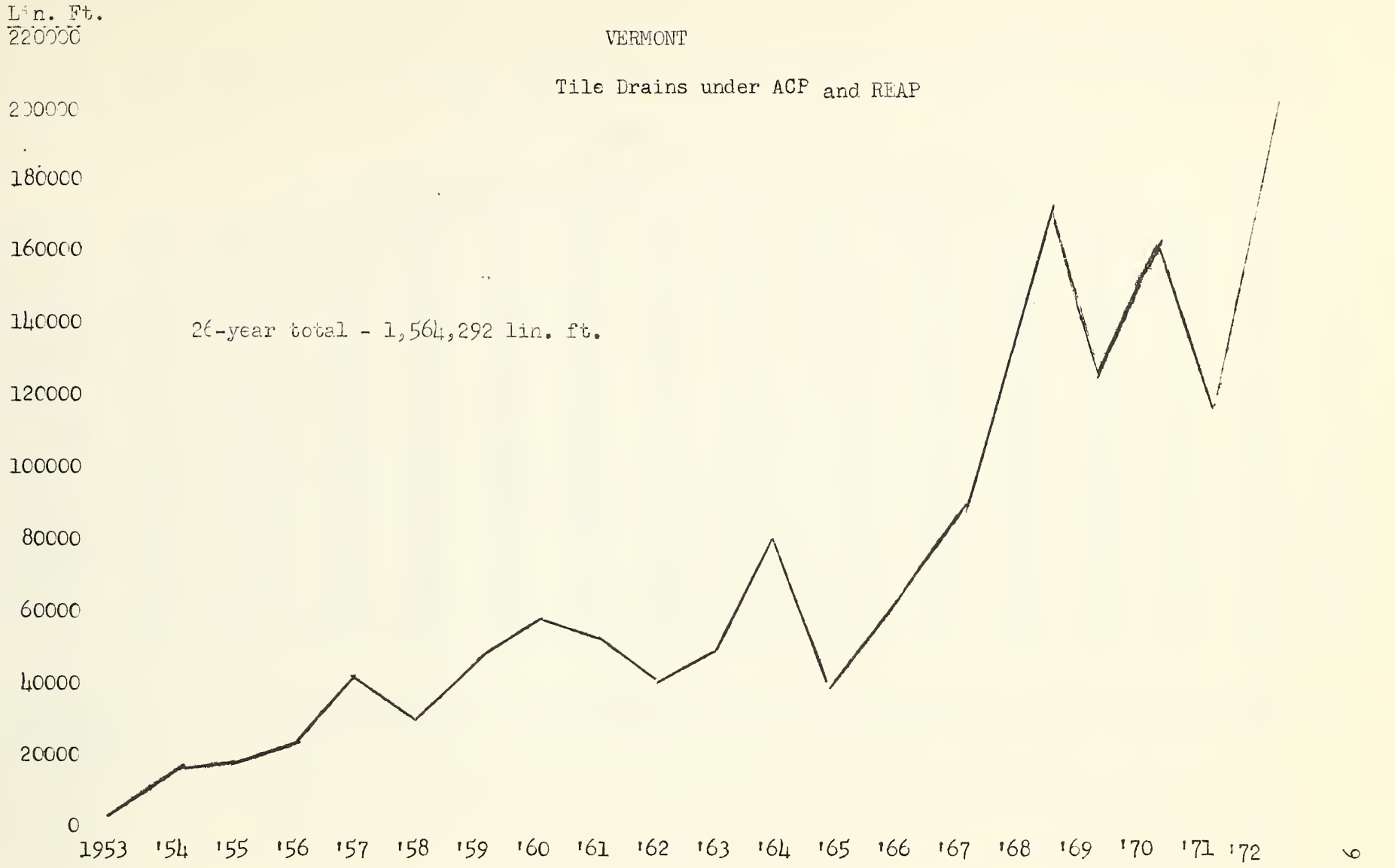
Open Drainage Ditches under ACP and REAP



26-year total - 3,418,506 cu. yds.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Tile Drains under ACP and REAP
26-year total - 1,564,292 lin. ft.
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*ACP and REAP Enrollment by Counties for Specified Years

County	1936	1946	1954	1958	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Addison	439	1025	628	869	836	765	720	725	697	715	717	701	660	455	562
Bennington	149	451	288	285	280	281	279	273	259	227	228	238	194	127	157
Caledonia	570	1105	669	753	728	689	656	625	597	535	574	584	553	505	526
Chittenden	406	852	625	669	602	554	559	533	499	448	453	449	390	394	405
Essex	177	241	163	167	153	147	133	131	123	122	123	127	127	93	108
Franklin	525	1464	1034	1167	1058	998	968	942	922	905	842	794	777	717	719
Gr. Isle	127	257	177	180	164	155	158	160	140	131	136	135	128	114	138
Lamoille	320	630	425	465	499	498	483	486	502	482	475	415	365	284	335
Orange	533	1017	625	780	696	670	703	683	640	583	530	585	522	514	493
Orleans	734	1304	977	1007	935	944	877	871	807	802	770	760	624	724	745
Rutland	580	1039	705	760	714	673	655	623	617	600	570	565	495	480	449
Washington	465	947	614	626	630	624	591	552	553	537	524	506	504	435	305
Windham	342	615	423	446	375	370	356	335	310	308	270	261	259	215	248
Windsor	335	1083	762	689	640	582	594	554	519	515	470	496	459	401	383
Total	5702	12030	8115	8863	8310	7950	7732	7493	7185	6910	6682	6616	6057	5458	5573

*Enrollment total each year varies from actual participation because some farmers who sign up do not carry out practices.

Year	Amount of Govt. Funds	Cash Collected From Farmers	Estimated Add'l Expense Contributed by Farmer
1936	$ 305,000	$ --	$ 230,000
1937	447,000	--	500,000
1938	520,000	20,701	500,000
1939	840,000	86,854	500,000
1940	833,000	50,738	520,000
1941	992,000	61,413	550,000
1942	1,002,000	47,198	700,000
1943	1,062,000	95,156	700,000
1944	1,309,000	--	750,000
1945	815,000	212,113	750,000
1946	997,000	354,082	800,000
1947	834,000	270,000	750,000
1948	678,000	420,631	600,000
1949	1,149,000	740,019	750,000
1950	1,154,000	905,517	750,000
1951	1,221,000	888,762	750,000
1952	1,017,000	818,397	750,000
1953	1,021,000	777,449	750,000
1954	795,000	611,430	600,000
1955	1,105,000	619,491	750,000
1956	1,106,000	609,578	750,000
1957	1,112,000	715,101	800,000
1958	1,114,000	783,512	850,000
1959	1,116,000	866,280	868,000
1960	1,114,000	764,503	870,000
1961	1,122,000	808,983	870,000
1962	1,107,000	716,132	870,000
1963	1,090,000	594,857	870,000
1964	1,081,000	548,925	870,000
1965	1,075,000	580,696	870,000
1966	1,066,000	559,961	870,000
1967	1,056,000	624,417	875,000
1968	931,000	540,674	875,000
1969	924,000	560,037	875,000
1970	865,000	565,366	875,000
1971	697,000	568,164	875,000
1972	901,000	703,443	875,000
Total	35,573,000	18,090,580	27,558,000

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ACP & REAP Participation by Counties for Specified Years

County	1950	1952	1954	1956	1958	1960	1962	1964	1966	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Addison	822	765	554	708	769	736	667	588	557	557	528	500	451	522
Bennington	404	310	261	264	262	235	234	215	206	157	146	151	119	116
Caledonia	737	659	567	597	630	621	568	512	439	376	346	363	320	352
Chittenden	727	665	572	564	574	518	471	442	383	348	276	275	279	266
Essex	208	201	144	130	142	111	113	100	98	95	93	80	77	97
Franklin	1102	974	771	891	958	929	799	767	688	675	609	600	550	535
Grand Isle	176	152	113	140	155	143	114	131	105	107	93	93	95	106
Lamoille	509	450	343	409	386	405	382	373	394	267	246	235	213	235
Orange	806	677	501	583	670	575	564	580	520	393	441	395	395	400
Orleans	1124	1014	615	826	827	795	640	601	534	539	494	520	507	641
Rutland	751	692	592	610	655	622	580	511	474	424	413	389	368	343
Washington	751	567	449	496	564	549	495	442	452	395	356	324	297	283
Windham	611	508	363	394	388	356	298	276	247	216	182	179	129	177
Windsor	943	841	589	545	631	579	536	489	423	390	380	379	312	301
Totals	9671	8475	6434	7157	7611	7174	6461	6027	5520	4939	4603	4483	4076	4374

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1972 REAP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extend Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

	Pr. A-2 Establishing Permanent Cover				Pr. A-4 Application of Lime 1/			
County	Acres	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre	Acres	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre
Addison	5535	30647	18.63	5.54	10772	54171	32.93	5.03
Bennington	742	5147	21.80	6.94	145	251	.61	1.73
Caledonia	898	9003	12.55	10.03	--	--	--	--
Chittenden	2593	31908	36.64	12.31	--	--	--	--
Essex	670	7832	35.21	11.69	--	--	--	--
Franklin	2685	11607	10.08	4.32	12925	35174	30.55	2.72
Grand Isle	810	6023	26.16	7.44	21	58	.25	2.76
Lamoille	915	10566	27.52	11.55	--	--	--	--
Orange	830	7884	9.15	9.50	--	--	--	--
Orleans	3853	22403	20.31	5.81	1558	7247	6.57	4.65
Rutland	796	4555	5.13	5.72	7456	26189	29.47	3.51
Washington	910	9593	19.16	10.54	--	--	--	--
Windham	1090	7491	15.22	6.87	--	--	--	--
Windsor	426	2425	3.19	5.69	2734	17210	22.62	6.29
Total	22753	167084	16.60	7.34	35611	140300	13.94	5.48

1/ There are 9 counties including lime cost-shares under A-2 and B-1 rather t an a separate entry.

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1972 REAP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. A-5 Contour Stripcropping				Pr. A-7 Planting Trees			
	Acres	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre	Acres	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre
Addison	--	--	--	--	7	152	.09	21.71
Bennington	--	--	--	--	8	200	.85	25.00
Caledonia	--	--	--	--	13	328	.46	25.23
Chittenden	--	--	--	--	5	125	.14	25.00
Essex	--	--	--	--	21	525	2.36	25.00
Franklin	--	--	--	--	33	740	.64	22.42
Grand Isle	--	--	--	--	11	280	1.22	25.45
Lamoille	--	--	--	--	9	225	.59	25.00
Orange	10	188	.22	18.80	47	1173	1.36	24.96
Orleans	--	--	--	--	21	305	.28	14.52
Rutland	--	--	--	--	20	489	.55	24.45
Washington	4	57	.11	14.25	41	820	1.64	20.00
Windham	--	--	--	--	34	585	1.19	17.21
Windsor	--	--	--	--	27	665	.87	24.63
Total	14	245	.02	17.50	297	6612	.66	22.62

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1972 REAP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extend Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. B-1 Improving Cover				Pr. B-5 Providing Facilities for Livestock Water				Pr. B-7 Farm Ponds			
	Acres	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre	Acres Served	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Spr.	Acres Served	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Pond
Addison	9106	45173	27.46	4.96	--	--	--	--	226	1299	.79	144.33
Bennington	1778	4002	16.95	2.25	--	--	--	--	337	6063	25.68	757.88
Caledonia	6731	47000	65.54	6.98	25	25	.03	25.00	50	200	.28	200.00
Chittenden	5714	33321	38.26	5.83	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Essex	888	8012	36.02	9.02	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Franklin	8908	39922	34.67	4.48	10	52	.05	52.00	--	--	--	--
Grand Isle	1566	9965	43.29	6.36	--	--	--	--	28	31	.13	31.00
Lamoille	1991	18409	47.94	9.25	20	172	.45	86.00	14	150	.39	150.00
Orange	7612	51818	60.14	6.81	50	856	.99	214.00	170	1819	2.11	227.38
Orleans	9142	48730	44.18	5.33	2	344	.31	172.00	17	2400	2.18	480.00
Rutland	7046	30718	34.57	4.36	--	--	--	--	145	7080	7.97	472.00
Washington	2668	25509	50.94	9.56	57	177	.35	44.25	47	1200	2.40	400.00
Windham	3993	30496	61.95	7.64	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Windsor	3581	18067	24.72	5.05	--	--	--	--	715	9710	12.76	1078.89
Total	70724	411142	40.85	5.81	164	1626	.16	116.14	1749	29952	2.98	499.20

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1972 REAP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

	Pr. B-10 Timberstand Improvement				Pr. C-5 Diversion Ditches		
County	Acres	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre	Acres Served	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.
Addison	151	996	.61	6.60	47	1067	.65
Bennington	206	2690	11.39	13.06	--	--	--
Caledonia	135	2044	2.85	14.84	--	--	--
Chittenden	352	4921	5.65	13.98	100	1172	1.35
Essex	260	3120	14.03	12.00	--	--	--
Franklin	399	5321	4.62	13.34	--	--	--
Grand Isle	3	45	.20	15.00	--	--	--
Lamoille	159	2605	6.78	16.38	3	100	.26
Orange	600	7431	8.62	12.38	12	481	.56
Orleans	326	4849	4.40	14.87	--	--	--
Rutland	136	1761	1.98	12.95	10	300	.34
Washington	141	1584	3.16	11.23	6	232	.46
Windham	214	2476	5.03	11.57	--	--	--
Windsor	502	7371	9.69	14.68	1	77	.10
Total	3584	47214	4.69	13.17	179	3429	.34

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1972 REAP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. C-8 Streambank Protection			Pr. C-9 Open Drainage			
	Acres Served	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Acres Served	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre
Addison	40	2454	1.49	321	6054	3.68	18.86
Bennington	21	517	2.19	--	--	--	--
Caledonia	--	--	--	10	300	.42	30.00
Chittenden	50	466	.54	174	2646	3.04	15.21
Essex	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Franklin	--	--	--	29	772	.67	26.62
Grand Isle	--	--	--	242	1494	6.49	6.17
Lamoille	--	--	--	21	558	1.45	26.57
Orange	4	35	.04	17	216	.25	12.71
Orleans	--	--	--	18	378	.34	21.00
Rutland	20	519	.58	280	3701	4.17	13.22
Washington	--	--	--	2	84	.17	42.00
Windham	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Windsor	--	--	--	5	236	.31	47.20
Total	135	3991	.40	1119	16439	1.63	14.69

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1972 REAP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. C-10 Underground Drainage				Pr. C-11 Shaping or Land Grading				Pr. D-3 Seeding for Green Manure		
	Acres Served	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre	Acres Served	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre	Acres	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.
Addison	39	3210	1.95	82.31	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bennington	33	151	.64	4.58	100	100	.42	1.00	--	--	--
Caledonia	166	5284	7.37	31.83	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chittenden	145	3147	3.61	21.70	74	1220	1.40	16.49	--	--	--
Essex	8	289	1.30	36.12	35	1200	5.39	34.29	--	--	--
Franklin	289	11237	9.76	38.88	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grand Isle	72	3356	14.58	46.61	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lamoille	43	845	2.20	19.65	4	135	.35	33.75	--	--	--
Orange	44	1178	1.37	26.77	14	244	.28	17.43	--	--	--
Orleans	268	6867	6.23	25.62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rutland	192	4932	5.55	25.69	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Washington	87	2959	5.91	34.01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Windham	25	685	1.39	27.40	--	--	--	--	123	369	.75
Windsor	30	1692	2.22	56.40	5	300	.39	60.00	--	--	--
Total	1441	45832	4.55	31.81	232	3199	.32	13.79	123	369	.04

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1972 REAP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

	Pr. E-4 Mulching Orchards			Pr. F-2 Super with Manure and Fencing			
County	Acres	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Acres Served	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost-share Per Acre
Addison	29	216	.13	156	1029	.63	6.60
Bennington	--	--	--	114	1361	5.77	11.94
Caledonia	--	--	--	136	769	1.07	5.65
Chittenden	--	--	--	172	1032	1.18	6.00
Essex	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Franklin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grand Isle	--	--	--	21	122	.53	5.81
Lamoille	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Orange	--	--	--	197	1799	2.09	9.13
Orleans	--	--	--	251	519	.47	2.07
Rutland	--	--	--	149	862	.97	5.79
Washington	--	--	--	91	958	1.91	10.53
Windham	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Windsor	--	--	--	298	5090	6.69	17.08
Total	29	216	.02	1585	13541	1.35	8.54

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County	Pr. G-4 Managing Land for Wildlife Habitat		Pr. H Beautification Practices		Pr. I-1 Animal Waste Storage and Diversion Facilities			Pr. I-4 Other Animal Waste Management Practices		
	Cost shares	% of Total County Assist.	Cost-shares	% of Total County Assist.	No.	Cost-share	% of Total County Assist.	No.	Cost share	% of Total County Assist.
Addison	437	.27	--	--	--	--	--	4	8167	4.96
Bennington	769	3.26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Caledonia	982	1.37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chittenden	375	.43	30	.03	1	600	.69	--	--	--
Essex	300	1.35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Franklin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grand Isle	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lamoille	1413	3.68	--	--	--	--	--	1	120	.31
Orange	392	.45	--	--	1	1500	1.74	1	2000	2.32
Orleans	103	.09	--	--	4	5706	5.17	--	--	--
Rutland	777	.87	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Washington	1166	2.33	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Windham	--	--	--	--	3	2302	4.68	--	--	--
Windsor	1780	2.34	--	--	2	4515	5.88	--	--	--
Total	8494	.84	30	.00	11	14623	1.45	6	10287	1.02

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(Extent Performed, Amount Paid and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. J-1 Sediment Retention and Water Control Structures			Pr. J-2 Sediment or Chemical Runoff Control Measures			Pr. J-3 Measures to Stabilize a Source of Sediment			Total Gross County Assistance
	Acres Served	Cost-share	% of Total County Assist.	Acres Served	Cost-share	% of Total County Assist.	Acres Served	Cost-share	% of Total County Assist.	
Addison	--	--	--	12	502	.31	--	--	--	164526
Bennington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23607
Caledonia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	71711
Chittenden	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	87083
Essex	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22243
Franklin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	115154
Grand Isle	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23020
Lamoille	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38397
Orange	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	500	.58	86161
Orleans	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	110307
Rutland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	88853
Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	50075
Windham	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	49224
Windsor	2	75	.10	--	--	--	--	--	--	76081
Total	2	75	.01	12	502	.05	5	500	.05	1006442

EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM

At the request of the State Disaster Committees, counties surveyed roughage conditions in September and reported to the State Disaster Committee. At the State Disaster Committee Meeting of September 18, 1972 the request for ten counties that they be approved as eligible for the Emergency Livestock Feed Program was concurred in.

This was sent to the National Offices and the counties were declared emergency areas on October 2. A Statewide meeting of ASCS personnel was held on October 6 to explain the program. A meeting of feed dealers and handlers was held on October 10.

The other four Vermont counties, Bennington, Lamoille, Washington, and Windham, requested assistance for their area and these counties were approved by the State Disaster Committee on October 10 and forwarded to Washington.

Through the end of the calendar year 1972, farmers purchased about 10,000 tons of corn and about 7,500 tons of oats under the program. They had paid our county offices approximately $650,000.

FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

1972
Summary of Feed Grain Program
Vermont

County	Farms		Feed Grain Base		Set-aside Pymt.	
	Eligible	Participating	Eligible	Participating	Acreage	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Addison	530	19	8654	434	171	$8260
Bennington	129	37	1993	729	253	14002
Caledonia	234	22	1777	122	47	1998
Chittenden	326	53	6164	1299	399	21606
Essex	12	--	111	--	--	--
Franklin	407	16	5734	291	114	4696
Grand Isle	137	30	2489	727	287	13935
Lamoille	116	6	1295	79	32	1600
Orange	231	16	2559	101	44	2068
Orleans	202	19	1591	247	91	3938
Rutland	446	35	5337	551	231	11102
Washington	191	30	1773	435	167	8105
Windham	128	10	2693	441	155	7960
Windsor	335	19	3000	146	59	2792
State Total	3424	312	45170	5602	2050	$102062

In 1972 Vermont farmers were eligible to participate in the Feed Grain Program for the twelfth year. The program was designed to reduce the production of feed grain crops which are in temporary surplus. Vermont farmers were eligible to receive payment for setting aside acres formerly producing corn including silage corn, barley and grain sorghums.

CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

The Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, among other things, provided for long-time diversion of land currently being used for the production of surplus crops to protective uses.

This program helped farmers to divert cropland to protective conservation uses under long-term agreements. Land was taken out of crop production in 1966 and 1967 for periods of five to ten years. Participants received adjustment payments calculated as a portion of the value of the crops which otherwise would be produced on the land. They were eligible for conservation cost-share payments on the diverted land.

The status of agreements as of 12-15-72 is:

County	Number Agreements	Acres Diverted	Annual Payments
Addison	0	0	$ 0
Bennington	9	276	4304
Caledonia	3	72	451
Chittenden	6	170	4538
Essex	1	85	508
Franklin	2	121	1009
Grand Isle	3	65	1649
Lamoille	0	0	0
Orange	7	94	2846
Orleans	2	41	520
Rutland	6	168	2103
Washington	2	44	40
Windham	1	28	960
Windsor	2	32	1006
Totals	44	1196	$19934

Practice Payments amounted to $2051.

PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

In the field of price support, the Vermont ASC Committee has concerned itself with keeping up to date on the over-all activities of the various price support programs that would affect the State's agriculture, such as those for dairy products, honey, wheat, corn, and the purchase and loan programs. Information on these has been passed along to the county offices and, through publicity the farmers have been kept informed.

WHEAT STABILIZATION PROGRAM

The 1972 program provides for an acreage set-aside requirement equal to 83 percent of the farm domestic allotment. (The domestic wheat allotment is 19.7 million acres). Wheat for the 1972 crop will be eligible for loans at a National average of $1.25 a bushel. Signup in the program was completed March 10.

In Vermont there are 20 farms with wheat allotments - 8 in Addison County; 7 in Chittenden County; and 5 in Grand Isle County. Three farms participated in the 1972 program - 1 in Addison County; 1 in Grand Isle County and 1 in Chittenden County.

WOOL PROGRAM

We administer the National Wool Incentive Program which was originally authorized by Congress in 1954. The purpose of this program is to assure an adequate supply of domestically grown wool in this country.

Producers of wool in our State can apply to the county ASCS office each year for incentive payments on the wool they produce. Farmers had until January 31, 1973 to file for payment under the 1972 program.

A summary of the 1971 wool program for Vermont shows that 105 applications for shorn wool were received from sheep producers. Applications for payment on 32,000 pounds of shorn wool resulted in payments of $28,684. Payments of $1878 were made on 95,000 pounds of unshorn lambs. The payment rate is set each year and is dependent upon the average price received by all wool producers in the United States who apply for payment. The rate of payment is applied to each producer's net proceeds received for wool. This results in the producer's attempting to get the best possible price for his product.

The National support rate for 1971 and 1972 is 72¢ a pound.

The 1971 payment rate for shorn wool is 271.1% of net sales proceeds. The unshorn lamb rate was $2.10 per hundred pounds liveweight.

The payment rate for 1972 has not yet been determined. Payments for 1972 will begin in April 1973. Marketings completed after December 31, 1972 are considered as 1972 marketings and will not be eligible for payment until early 1974.

Community committeemen are responsible for keeping up to date with the program at the community level.

Vermont Summary of Wool Program
1971 Marketing Year

County	No. Appl. Payt.	Lbs. Wool Sold	Net Proceeds To Farmer	Ave. Price Per Lb.	Govt. Payment	No. Appl. Payt.	Wt. Lambs Sold	Govt. Payment
Add.	7	1937	$ 593	$ .31	$ 1608	2	9527	$ 200
Benn.	6	3460	1069	.31	2899	2	14805	208
Caled.	11	3023	1098	.36	2976	2	3575	75
Chitt.	4	1375	423	.31	1148	1	868	18
Essex	2	637	208	.33	563	1	1590	33
Franklin	2	1159	348	.30	943	1	7045	148
Gr. Isle	1	586	176	.30	477	1	6510	137
Lamoille	-	--	--	--	--	-	--	--
Orange	19	2698	1032	.38	2797	3	2281	48
Orleans	3	827	363	.44	973	1	4242	82
Rutland	17	9168	3040	.33	8231	6	39401	827
Wash.	7	2388	883	.37	2393	2	3155	66
Windham	7	2907	872	.30	2364	1	1666	35
Windsor	17	1558	485	.31	1314	-	--	--
Total	103	31723	10,590	.33	$ 28686	23	94665	$1877

The 1971 marketing year incentive rate - 271.1% of net proceeds on shorn wool and $2.10 per cwt. liveweight on unshorn lambs.

Wool Payments Made in Vermont
1955 - 1971

Year	National Average Price	Shorn Wool Lbs.	Shorn Wool Rate of Payment	Shorn Wool Payment	Unshorn Lambs Lbs.	Unshorn Lambs Rate of Payment (Cwt.)	Unshorn Lambs Payment
1955	42.8¢	49000	42.8%	$10171	142000	77¢	$1194
1956	44.3¢	56148	40.0%	9974	192377	71¢	1101
1957	53.7¢	55716	15.5%	4550	151286	33¢	499
1958	36.4¢	49712	70.3%	13494	162082	$1.02	1647
1959	43.3¢	67057	43.2%	13204	145051	75¢	1154
1960	42.0¢	52579	47.6%	12855	147619	80¢	1180
1961	42.9¢	52174	44.5%	13582	108801	76¢	809
1962	47.7¢	44393	30.0%	7342	96607	57¢	507
1963	48.5¢	45292	27.8%	6465	68785	54¢	396
1964	53.2¢	44464	16.5%	4200	86654	35¢	303
1965	47.1¢	45884	31.6%	7465	76560	60¢	419
1966	52.1¢	40797	24.8%	6204	93402	52¢	426
1967	39.8¢	34632	65.8%	10579	66223	$1.05	695
1968	40.5¢	39995	65.4%	11143	81643	$1.06	864
1969	41.8¢	29016	65.1%	6804	59801	$1.09	651
1970	35.5¢	31993	102.8%	14210	68583	$1.46	1000
1971	19.4¢	31723	271.1%	28686	94665	$2.10	1877

EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES

The Executive Director served as Chairman of the State Emergency Board. ASCS was responsible for working with the Emergency Board in the production and distribution of food through the wholesale level in case of National Emergency.

We worked with 14 county offices in carrying out their responsibilities in connection with emergency work. County Executive Directors served as Chairmen of the County Emergency Boards. As Chairman, each was responsible for the organization and function of the County Board in connection with civil defense work. In the calendar year 1972, County Emergency Boards held a series of 35 meetings.

Work at the State office involved receiving volumes of memoranda and instructions, interpreting these as they affect Vermont, and getting instructions out to the field. ASCS served as the support office for all EB work in the State.

The District Directors worked with CED's in carrying out these assignments.

BEEKEEPERS INDEMNITY PAYMENT PROGRAM

The program was activated in July of 1971. The State Committee Chairman and State Executive Director met with the Beekeepers Association officers and representatives of the Extension Service to get the program underway.

To date, we have had 20 applications from beekeepers with payments amounting to $10,695. 18 of these applications were from Addison County.

INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The memorandum of understanding with the Vermont Extension Service to edit and arrange for final release to State and county newspapers information concerning ASCS programs in Vermont was continued. This method is very satisfactory, and the Vermont Extension Service information staff is always cooperative in this respect.

Several radio tapes were made during the year using Extension Service facilities and these were released to radio stations throughout Vermont. In addition, several radio programs were arranged for at the county level and were participated in by State office personnel and local ASCS people.

The monthly newsletter (green sheet) distributed to county and community committeemen and cooperating agencies was continued in 1972. These letters are a method of pointing out the highlights of ASCS programs in Vermont.

County meetings to discuss current ASCS activities were held in all counties during 1972. These meetings were attended by county and community committeemen and representatives of cooperating agencies. Attendance was good and programs were interesting and informative.

At the beginning of programs, and on other occasions as needed, suggested county news releases were provided to county offices. These were adapted locally and released for publication through the County Extension Office. In addition, timely ASCS news and announcements were disseminated locally through the county agent, either in his radio program, newsletter, or column in the newspaper.

Washington continued to supply 12 Vermont radio stations with weekly tapes. These tapes deal with ASCS current developments relative to agriculture in this part of the United States. The 3 to 5 minute narrations do a good job in helping to keep our agricultural community informed.